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1. ON APRIL 25 THE DPC APPROVED, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, THE
DRAFT AGENDA (REF A) FOR THE FORTHCOMING DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETING. SYG LUNS SAID THAT THE RESTRICTED SESSION SHOULD
BE USED FOR FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSION OF ITEMS RAISED AT THE
LONDON SUMMIT MEETING, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE DPC RE-
STRICTED SESSION TAKE PLACE EARLY IN THE MEETING, I.E.,
AFTER THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE
(REF B. NO PERMREP DISSENTED FROM THIS APPROACH.

2. LUNS SUGGESTED THAT AGENDA ITEM IVA (HARMONIZATION OF
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NATIONAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS) SHOUL BE
DELETED, SINCE MORE TIME WAS NEEDED BEFORE SPECIFIC PRO-
POSALS ON THIS SUB-ITEM COULD BE READY FOR MINISTERS. HE
SAID THAT HE WOULD CIRCULATE A PO WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS
OUTLINING FURTHER REASONS FOR DELETION OF THIS SUB-ITEM.
CHARGE NOTED THAT THE DPC HAD A MINISTERIAL MANDATE TO
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PREPARE A PLAN, AND THAT THE SUB-ITEM SHOULD NOT BE DE-
LETED MERELY BECAUSE THE EFFORT TO PREPARE THIS PLAN WAS
TAKING LONGER THAN ENVISIONED. HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL TO THE STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY ENTERPRISE
TO RETAIN MINISTERIAL FOCUS ON THIS MATTER. THE DPC
AGREED TO RETAIN ITEM IVA IN BRACKETS PENDING DISCUSSION
OF LUNS' PO.

3. DPC ALSO:

- A. ADDED, AT SYG LUNS' SUGGESTION, A SUB-ITEM ON "REPORT BY THE CNAD" TO AGENDA ITEM IV;
- B. AGREED TO HANDLE ITEM V (NATO AEW AND CONTROL SYSTEM) AS AT PAST MINISTERIALS, WITH SYG LUNS KEEPING FRANCE AND GREECE INFORMED OF DPC MINISTERIAL ACTIONS; AND
- C. REMOVED BRACKETS FROM AROUND AGENDA ITEM VI (INFRASTRUCTURE).

4. FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF DISCUSSION OF AGENDA, HARDY (CANADA) BRIEFLY ALLUDED TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO RESTRICTED SESSIONS, WHILE NOTING THAT THE FORTHCOMING DPC MEETING WOULD BE AN EXCEPTION BECAUSE OF THE SUMMIT MEETING. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, WHETHER ATTENDANCE AT THE RESTRICTED SESSION COULD NOT BE EXPANDED SOMEWHAT OVER THE 2 PLUS 4 FORMULA USED IN THE PAST, AND WHETHER DELEGATIONS COULD TAKE IT UPON THEMSELVES TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE AT RESTRICTED SESSION. SYG LUNS REPLIED THAT AN "UNRESTRICTED RESTRICTED SESSION" WOULD BE A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS, BUT OFFERED TO RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF ATTENDANCE AT A LATER DATE. COMMENT: WE SEE MERIT IN HARDY'S PROPOSAL THAT ATTENDANCE AT RESTRICTED SESSION BE EXPANDED SINCE TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED, SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, ARE NOT OF A CHARACTER TO WARRANT CLOSELY HOLDING THEM. CONFIDENTIAL

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INDEED, BENEFITS MIGHT FLOW FROM WIDER PARTICIPATION OF OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS, WHO ALSO WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR NOT BEING EXCLUDED. END COMMENT. STREATOR

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